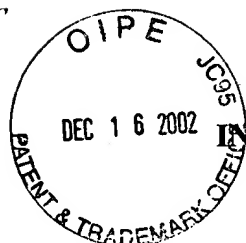


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed June 17, 2002 (Paper No. 14), and in accordance with the Rules of Practice, please enter the following amendments and consider the remarks below. Submitted herewith is the following: (i) Exhibit A, a marked up version of the replacement paragraphs showing the amendments made herein; (ii) Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and the requisite fee of \$370; (iii) Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement; (iv) Petition for a three-month Extension of Time and the requisite fee of \$460, which extends the deadline for filing the reply from September 17, 2002 up to and including December 17, 2002; and (v) Associate Power of Attorney. No other fees are believed to be due, however, should any fees be deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this document, the Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any such fees from Katten Muchin Zavis Rosenman Deposit Account No. 50-1214.